

REMARKS

The Office Action has indicated that applicants have successfully traversed the restriction requirement and that Claim 18 would be rejoined with Group I after Group I is deemed to be allowable. In addition, the Office Action has objected to the Abstract. Further, it has rejected Claims 1-9 and 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended the claims and the abstract which when considered with the comments hereinbelow is deemed to place the present case in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

The abstract has been amended to disclose the invention in a complete sentence. Moreover, the abstract contains one paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the abstract, as amended, overcomes the objection thereto; withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 12-18 have been cancelled without prejudice and Claims 19-37 have been added to the application. Claims 19-27 correspond to original Claims 1-9; however, they have been amended to recite the subject matter therein with greater clarity and particularity. Throughout the claims, the term "group" has replaced the term "rest". Further, the claims have been amended to remove all hyphens between the number of the claims and the first word of the claim. Moreover, the first line of Claim 19 has been rewritten in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion on Page 3 of the Office Action. As amended the scope of Claims 1-9 has not been narrowed in newly added Claims 19-27.

Applicants have added Claims 29-37 directed to pharmaceutical composition. Support is found on Page 9, lines 7 to 29 and Page 3, line 6 to Page 6, line 5 of the instant specification.

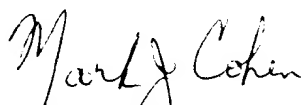
Finally, the subject matter of Claim 28 is supported by the original Claim 18.

No new matter has been added to the application.

The amendments to the claims overcome the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the accompanying abstract and the Remarks hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition of allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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